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Donations are thankfully received by Dr. Philip Adolphus, Superintendent, No. 737 West Madison Street.

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DESIGN OF THE INSTITUTION.

The object of this Institution is to furnish the sick poor with medical attendance and medicine gratuitously, and to accomplish this work in the most faithful manner, and at the least possible expense. All feasible means are taken to exclude unworthy applicants for the benefits of this charity.

HISTORY.

The Central Free Dispensary was organized in 1867, under the title of the Brainard Free Dispensary, and at different periods, for nine years, occupied small rooms at 232 W. Randolph St., 79 W. Madison St., 95 W. Randolph St., 136 N. Sangamon St., and 239 W. Van Buren St. It was supported at first entirely by private donations. These were supplemented from 1870 to 1884 by an annual appropriation from the Board of County Commissioners of Cook County, ranging from $500 to $1,000.

During the two years following the disastrous fire of October, 1871, the work of the dispensary was greatly increased by the increased number of destitute sick. Much of this work was performed under the auspices of the Chicago Relief and Aid Society, which in 1873 donated to the Dispensary as a fund the sum of $4,000.00.

In 1871 the Herrick Free Dispensary was founded, under the auspices of the Relief and Aid Society, to assist in relieving the destitution caused by the recent disaster. This Dispensary confined its task to the care of the sick poor in the southern portion of the West Side. Its rooms were on Wright St., near the corner of Twelfth St.

In 1873 this new Dispensary, to which the Relief and Aid Society had donated, as a permanent fund, the sum of $5,000.00, was united with the Central Dispensary under one organization. By this union the Central Dispensary was in possession of a fund of $9,000.00, which was increased by other contributions to $11,000.00.

In 1876 the Dispensary removed to its present and more spacious accommodations, in the lower story of the new Rush Medical College, corner of Harrison and Wood streets. These rooms are secured for a long term of years at a rental which can never exceed $660 a year. By special arrangements with the College this rent has been for the past twelve years only $330 a year, only half the amount originally contemplated, the other half, $330, being added each year to the permanent fund. These accumulations, together with interest account, have added $6,500 to the permanent fund, making a total of $17,500. This principal, or fund, has been securely invested in bonds and securities, and the income derived from it is dispensed in the charitable work for which this organization was created. In addition to this the Dispensary is the recipient of the income derived from a legacy known as the "John Phillip's Fund," and left by him to the trustees of Rush Medical College, to be held in trust for dispensary purposes. This fund amounts to $7,743.81, and yields an annual income of $464.63.

In return for the money thus given to the Dispensary, and for the accommodations provided at such low rent, is accorded to the students of the College the privilege of studying the diseases of the patients, and of observing their treatment by the medical board of the Dispensary.

The direct benefits which have been bestowed upon destitute sufferers can be but partially measured by the statistics herewith presented.

The indirect benefits can not be measured by any statistics, nor by any standard; such benefits, we mean, which young men receive while pursuing the study of medicine, and which the communities in which they are to labor secure in the services of educated physicians. The Dispensary is also assisted by the annual contributions of a number of generous citizens, who remember the poor in their sickness and misfortune.

With the great growth of the city has also grown the number of destitute and worthy applicants for this relief, and the income at the command of the trustees is insufficient to meet the wants of the suffering multitude. It is hoped that the contributions will be largely increased to meet these needs.

Dr. Philip Adolphus, Superintendent, No. 737 W. Madison St., will gratefully acknowledge contributions to this charity.

INVITATION TO VISITORS.

All who desire to obtain a personal knowledge of the necessity of such an institution, its practical benefit to the sick poor, and its claims on the liberality of our citizens, are invited to visit the Dispensary and judge for themselves.

LOCATION AND HOURS.

The Dispensary is located on the corner of Harrison and Wood streets.

This Dispensary is open daily from 2 to 4 P. M.—excepting Sundays and holidays—for *granting the sick poor medical advice free.*

Those unable to attend the Dispensary will be visited, *free of charge, at their homes.*

Telephone to, or call at, the Dispensary, *when it is open.* Telephone 7147.

The Dispensing Department is open from 9 A. M. to 12 M., and from 1 P. M. till 5 P. M., from October to March; and from 9 A. M. till 12 M., and from 1 P. M. till 6 P. M., from March to October. *Sundays and holidays,* medicines are dispensed from 9 to 10.30 A. M. The Dispensary is closed on Christmas, New Year, Fourth of July, Washington's Birthday, Decoration Day, and Thanksgiving Day.

☞*Physicians are not permitted to attend patients free who are able to pay.*

☞Complaints and suggestions, *for the benefit of the Dispensary,* will be gladly received by Philip Adolphus, M. D., Superintendent, 737 W. Madison street.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL STATEMENT OF DISPENSARY WORK AMONG THE SICK POOR OF THE WEST DIVISION.

Organized May 4, 1867.	From 1867-1888, for 21 years.	For past 12 months.	For 8 months, up to date.
Total number of patients	197,143	13,829	8,938
Number of visits of patients to the Dispensary	347,117	27,889	21,218
Number of visits to homes of patients	73,602	2,532	1,848
Number of prescriptions furnished	450,572	28,238	21,369
Number of vaccinations up to 1873	7,634	.....	.....
Cost of conducting the Dispensary during the past year	.....	$2,870.00	.....
Cost of each patient for attendance and medicine for current year	.....	.20	.....
Cost of each visit	.....	.09½	.....
Cost of each prescription	.....	.10	.....

CHICAGO, November 30, 1888.

CHICAGO, April 1, 1888.

ANNUAL REPORT OF JOSEPH P. ROSS, TREASURER OF THE CENTRAL FREE DISPENSARY.

JOSEPH P. ROSS TO CENTRAL FREE DISPENSARY.		DR.	CR.
1887, April 1.	To balance cash on hand	$507.41	.....
Oct. 10.	To cash received (interest R. M. C. bonds)	390.00	.....
Oct. 10.	To interest from $7,747.81 (Phillips estate)	464.63	.....
April 4.	By cash paid Philip Adolphus, M. D.	.....	$225.00
July 1.	By cash paid Philip Adolphus, M. D.	.....	225.00
Oct. 7.	By cash paid Philip Adolphus, M. D	.....	225.00
1888, Jan. 3.	By cash paid Philip Adolphus, M. D.	.....	225.00
April 1.	By balance on hand	.....	362.04
Total		$1,362.04	$1,362.04

Approved:

NORMAN BRIDGE, *Committee of Audit.*

CHICAGO, April 1, 1888.

ANNUAL REPORT OF PHILIP ADOLPHUS, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CENTRAL FREE DISPENSARY.

PHILIP ADOLPHUS TO CENTRAL FREE DISPENSARY.		DR.	CR.
1887, April 1.	To balance cash on hand	$ 381.18	.....
	To cash received during year from Dr. J. P. Ross, treasurer	900.00	.....
	To donations received during year	1,771.00	.....
	To sales of formularies, etc	32.90	.....
	By expenditures during past year, as per vouchers Nos. 1,257 to 1,349, inclusive:		
	By salaries to superintendent, house physician, visiting physicians, apothecary, and janitor	.....	$1,475.00
	By drugs and appliances	.....	779.00
	By printing and stationery	.....	81.00
	By supplies, telephone repairs, etc	.....	182.40
	By balance on hand	.....	567.68
Total		$3,085.08	$3,085.08

Correct:

GEORGE MASON,
JOHN H. WILLIAMS,
Auditing Committee.

APRIL 10, 1888.

ACT OF INCORPORATION OF THE CENTRAL FREE DISPENSARY OF WEST CHICAGO.

1. We, A. E. Bishop, A. G. Throop, John F. Eberhardt, John Crighton, E. Ingals, S. P. Walker, P. W. Gates, J. P. Ross, Chs. E. Chase, Hugh Templeton Samuel Hoard and Philip Adolphus, do hereby certify that we propose to form ourselves into a corporation (not of pecuniary profit), under the act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, approved April 18, 1872, and in force July 1, 1872, entitled "An Act Concerning Corporations."

2. The name of said corporation shall be The Central Free Dispensary of West Chicago, and said corporation shall endure for ninety-nine years.

3. The objects for which said corporation is formed are to aid all persons who are sick and are unable to pay for medical attendance; to diffuse vaccinations by continuous and unwearied efforts, and to do this work efficiently at a very small cost and with no pecuniary profit.

4. The aforesaid persons shall constitute the board of directors for the first year.

5. The business of said corporation shall be located in Chicago, in the State of Illinois, and its business office at such place or places in said city as a majority of its directors shall from time to time direct.

In witness whereof we have herewith set our hands and seals this 14th day of March, A. D. 1873.

A. E. Bishop. [L. S.]	John F. Eberhardt. [L. S.]
A. G. Throop. [L. S.]	Chs. E. Chase, [L. S.]
Ephraim Ingals, M. D. [L. S.]	S. P. Walker. [L. S.]
P. W. Gates. [L. S.]	Joseph P. Ross, M. D. [L. S.]
John Crighton. [L. S.]	Hugh Templeton. [L. S.]
Samuel Hoard. [L. S.]	Philip Adolphus, M. D. [L. S.

State of Illinois, }
Cook County. }

I, E. A. Sherburne, a notary public in and for the said county, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that A. E. Bishop, A. G. Throop, Jno. F. Eberhardt, Chs. E. Chase, Ephraim Ingals, S. P. Walker, P. W. Gates, Joseph P. Ross, John Crighton, Hugh Templeton, Samuel Hoard, and Philip Adolphus, who are

personally known to me as the same persons whose names are subscribed to the annexed instrument of writing, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument of writing, hereto attached, as their free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 14th day of March, A. D. 1873.

{ E. A. Sherburne, Notarial Seal, Chicago, Illinois. }

E. A. SHERBURNE,
Notary Public.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, }
GEORGE H. HARLOW, Secretary of State. }

To All to Whom these Presents May Come, Greeting:

Whereas, a certificate, duly signed and acknowledged, has been filed in the office of the Secretary of State, on the first of April, A. D. 1873, for the organization of the "Central Free Dispensary of West Chicago," under and in accordance with the provisions of "An Act Concerning Corporations," approved April 18, 1872, and in force July 1, 1872, a copy of which certificate is hereto attached:

Now, therefore, I, George H. Harlow, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, by virtue of the powers and duties vested in me by law, do hereby certify that the said The Central Free Dispensary of West Chicago is a legally organized corporation under the laws of the State.

In testimony whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of State.

Done at the city of Springfield this first day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, and of the Independence of the United States the ninty-seventh.

{ Great Seal. }

GEORGE H. HARLOW,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
Cook County. }

No. 94,116.

I certify this instrument to be filed for record April 7, A. D. 1873. Recorded in Book 1 of Corporations, page 223.

JAS. STEWART, *Recorder.*

APRIL 21, 1873.

BENNET & SHERBURNE, 145 Monroe St., City.

CONSTITUTION OF THE CENTRAL FREE DISPENSARY.

The following revised copy of the Constitution of the Central Free Dispensary was adopted at the annual meeting of the Directors, April 2, 1878:

Officers and their Election.

SECTION 1.—The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, to be elected annually, by ballot, from the Directors, and the officers so elected shall be, ex-officio, an Executive Committee.

Duties of President.

SECTION 2.—It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Directors and Executive Committee, countersign all orders drawn by the Secretary on the Treasurer for money, and call special meetings of the Directors or the Executive Committee when he may deem it necessary, or whenever he is requested in writing to do so by any three Directors.

Duties of Vice-President.

SECTION 3.—The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence; or in case of death, resignation, or removal from the city of the President, the Vice-President shall be ex-officio President until the end of the term.

Duties of the Secretary.

SECTION 4.—The Secretary shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Directors and Executive Committee, draw all orders for money on the treasury, have the sole custody and use of the corporate seal, make and sign all certificates of election of Directors, and see that they are recorded according to law.

Duties of the Treasurer.

SECTION 5.—The Treasurer shall have the custody and disbursement of all moneys belonging to the corporation (except as hereinafter provided), and shall invest the same only on the approval of the majority of the Directors and the order of the Secretary, countersigned by the President. He shall give the corporation a bond, with security to be approved by a vote of a majority of the Directors, conditional for the proper keeping, use, disbursement, investment and transfer to his successor of all moneys of the corporation which may come into his hands.

Executive Officers of the Dispensary.

SECTION 6.—The Executive Committee shall appoint a Financial Superintendent, a Medical Superintendent, and a Medical Staff of the Dispensary, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, who shall be physicians, and shall hold their office during the pleasure of a majority of said committee, and who shall constitute a board for the medical management of the Dispensary.

Duties of the Financial Superintendent.

SECTION 7.—The Financial Superintendent shall devise ways and means for meeting the expenses of the Dispensary; shall receive all the funds designed for that purpose by the Board of Directors, receive all donations from private individuals, and shall out of such funds pay all bills against such Dispensary. He shall semi-annually render a written statement of all the business of his office to the Executive Committee. He shall, to the utmost of his ability, purchase promptly the supplies required at any time by the Medical Superintendent.

Duties of the Medical Superintendent.

SECTION 8.—The Medical Superintendent shall see that the Dispensary is open at the regular hours, and that the members of the staff are prompt and punctual to perform the duties assigned them, and that the professional work of the Institution is performed in the most complete manner possible. He shall employ an Apothecary, whose labors he shall supervise and direct, at such salary as the Medical Staff may recommend and the Executive Committee approve. He shall make out all requisitions for medicines, instruments, supplies, and material needed in his department, to the Financial Superintendent, by whom all purchases must be made. The Superintendent shall attend daily, Sundays and legal holidays in his discretion excepted, at the Dispensary, and shall present semi-annually to the Executive Committee a report of the number of patients treated during the preceding six months, the diseases with which they were afflicted, and the leading facts which may be of general interest in connection therewith.

Duties of Physicians.

SECTION 9.—The physicians constituting the Medical Corps of attendants of the Dispensary, shall attend daily at a stated hour; shall give plain and careful directions for mixing and using the medicines they may prescribe, and, as far as practicable, are requested to use formulas contained in the list of prescriptions prepared for the Dispensary. In case any of them are from any cause unable to attend to their regular duties, they shall report the fact to the Medical Superintendent, who shall appoint or assign some physician temporarily to fill the place; and each medical officer of the Dispensary shall enter in a general Register, to be provided by the Superintendent and kept at the Dispensary, the name, age, residence, place of birth, condition, disease, and result of the treatment of each patient under his charge, and no medical officer shall resign without giving at least one month's notice to the Superintendent in writing.

Annual Meeting of Directors, Quorum, Etc.

SECTION 10.—The Directors shall meet annually, the first Tuesday in April, or as soon thereafter as a quorum can be assembled, and seven shall constitute

a quorum for business. A majority of those present and voting shall bind the corporation, unless otherwise specified in the Constitution and By-Laws, and, in absence of the President and Vice-President, may elect a President pro tem.

Directors, Their Number, Election, and Tenure of Office.

SECTION 11.—Any person of good moral character may be elected a Director at any meeting. The vote shall be by ballot, and a majority of those voting shall be necessary for an election. The whole number of Directors shall not exceed twenty-two, and their tenure of office shall be perpetual.

The Executive Committee.

SECTION 12.—The Executive Committee shall have power to act in behalf of the Corporation in all things (excepting the loaning of money and the election of Directors) not contrary to law; and during the interval between the meetings of Directors they may fill, *ad interim*, any vacancy in the executive and other offices until the next meeting of Directors.

Special Meetings of the Directors.

SECTION 13.—Special Meetings of the Directors shall be called by the President, giving a written notice thereof to the Secretary at least one week before the time of each meeting, and the Secretary shall thereupon give a notice in writing, in person or by mail, to each Director, and the Directors shall each give his address to the Secretary, who shall keep the same in his books for reference.

Alteration of Constitution and By-Laws.

SECTION 14.—The Constitution or By-Laws may be altered or amended at any legal meeting of the Directors, provided that notice of the proposed amendment shall be given to the Executive Committee by the party proposing it, at least one month before such meeting, and the notice calling such meeting (if a special one) shall be attended with a copy of the proposed amendment.

FORMS OF BEQUESTS.

(Of Personal Property.)

I, ----------, of the County of Cook, and State of Illinois, will and bequeath to the Central Free Dispensary of West Chicago, the sum of----------dollars, toward promoting the objects of said institution.

(The above to be signed by three witnesses.)

(Of Real Estate.)

I, ----------, of the County of Cook, and State of Illinois, will and bequeath to the Central Free Dispensary of West Chicago, all that [here describe the property], together with the appurtenances, to hold to said Central Free Dispensary of West Chicago forever, for them to dispose of and convey in any manner which will promote the objects of said institution.

(The above to be signed by three witnesses.)

CENTRAL DISPENSARY